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FLAMELESS COMBUSTOR PROCESS HEATER)

GROUP ART UNIT 1744

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Sir:

RESPONSE

The following amendment and remarks are responsive to an Office action mailed on March 29, 2000, in the prosecution of the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration of this application in light of this amendment and remarks is respectfully requested

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

no new matter added
✓ (Amended) A process heater comprising:

an oxidation [reaction] chamber, the oxidation [reaction] chamber having an inlet for oxidant, an outlet for combustion products, and a flow path between the inlet and the outlet;

a fuel conduit capable of transporting a fuel mixture to a plurality of fuel nozzles within the oxidation [reaction] chamber, each nozzle providing communication from within the fuel conduit to the oxidation chamber, with each nozzle along the flowpath between the inlet and the outlet;